GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2164
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2017
Development of Udhna and Surat Railway Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of steps taken by the Railways for overall development, modernisation and beautification of Surat and Udhna Railway Stations;

(b) the amount spent for the aforesaid purpose during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the updated status of setting up of Divisional Railway Manager office at Surat;

(d) the steps taken to increase security of Surat Railway Station in view of increasing threat perception;

(e) whether to decongest Surat Railway station, Railways contemplate diverting some passenger traffic to Udhna station and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to increase passenger traffic capacity of Surat Station?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2164 BY SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2017 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF UDHNA AND SURAT RAILWAY STATIONS.

(a) & (b): Modernisation & beautification of stations is a continuous and ongoing process. Surat station has been developed under 'Model' and 'Modern' station schemes and Udhna station has been developed under 'Model' and 'Adarsh' station schemes in the past. Further, Surat station has been identified for development of a Multi-Modal Transport Hub integrating the redevelopment of railway station and bus terminus. For this purpose, a Request for Qualification has been recently opened for shortlisting of bidders.
Station-wise details of expenditure incurred are not maintained. Development of stations under various modernization schemes is generally funded under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities'. Expenditure under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities' on Western Railway, which covers Surat and Udhna railway stations, during last three years is as under:

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Expenditure (` in Crores)	49.36	42.65	49.61

(c): At present, there is no proposal for setting up of Divisional Railway Manager's office at Surat.
(d): The following steps are being taken to increase security of Surat railway station in view of increasing threat perception:
1. Quick Response Team (QRT) consisting of one officer and four other staff with arms and ammunition is deployed strategically to combat terrorist activities and avoid any untoward incidents.
2. 32 CCTV cameras have been installed at Surat Railway station for monitoring suspicious movement of persons over the passenger area.
3. There is strict surveillance on criminals involved in crimes in trains and Railway premises.
4. Intelligence inputs are being collected from City Police and other Intelligence units.
5. Close coordination is maintained with the Government Railway Police (GRP) and City Police.
6. Regular mock drills have been organized in co-ordination with GRP, City Police, Fire Brigade, Railway departments etc. to evaluate the security preparedness of the division towards terror attacks.
7. RPF personnel on access control/platform duty are being briefed/debriefed regularly by supervisors and Gazetted Officers for keeping effective vigil on suspected persons/object and on the suspects entraining and detraining en-route stations.
(e): Infrastructure and passenger amenities at Udhana station has been strengthened to cater as a suburb of Surat station for the convenience of passengers.
(f): Increase/improvement of passenger capacity of Railway Stations is a continuous process as per volume of passenger traffic and availability of funds. For further development and improving passenger traffic capacity, Surat station has been identified for

development of a Multi-Modal Transport Hub integrating the redevelopment of railway station and bus terminus.
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